

Announcements of Funding Conference Call

Previously Submitted Questions Prior to June 23, 2008

1. **Please clarify the number of Crisis Stabilization Units to be established in the West Region.**

Two

2. **Does the West Region include only Shelby County and not the other counties in the West Grand Region?**

West includes the following:

Shelby County will cover Shelby, Fayette, and Tipton.

Jackson will cover Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, and Weakley. (This is revised with Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart removed.)

3. **You are currently funding mobile crisis and crisis respite. Is that funding separate from the funding described in the Announcement of Funding?**

General crisis services will continue to be funded as it is currently with mobile capabilities and crisis respite services being paid through contracts with the MCCs. The CSUs establishment will be paid through the non-recurring infrastructure funding.

4. **What are “establishment funds”? Is a separate budget required? Will the grantee be allowed to use unspent establishment funds for initial operating costs during the start up year? Please provide a detailed list of eligible expenses included in establishment funds.**

These one time non-recurring funds can be utilized for leasing, renovating/expanding existing facilities and certain start-up crisis services costs. There will be two separate contracts/budgets, one for establishment and then one for operations through June 30, 2009. All funding is subject to prior approval by TDMHDD.

5. **What funding will be available for operations beyond the first year (i.e. FY '09-'10)?**

It is contractually required that the MCCs have crisis stabilization units/services capacity in their networks. It is expected that the CSUs will also have some local community funding to support this service.

6. Are mobile crisis services to be paid on a grant basis?

General crisis services including mobile capabilities and crisis respite services will be funded through contracts between the MCCs and the crisis services provider agency. Each MCC will structure the reimbursement for general crisis services based on the negotiations with the agency operating general crisis services. There is no mandate by the state that it be grant funded.

7. Will CSUs be paid on a per diem basis and if so, will it be the same rate for TennCare and the uninsured?

TDMHDD will reimburse for uninsured persons on a per diem basis. There is no mandate regarding how the reimbursement is structured by the MCCs. The reimbursement structure will be determined between the MCCs and the CSU contracted provider. The MCC must have CSU/services capacity in their network. It is expected that the CSUs will also have some community funding to support this service.

8. Will the operating grant be a set amount or be paid on a per diem basis with no subsidy?

TDMHDD will establish a limited operating budget that will include a per diem rate for uninsured persons. CSU provider agencies will negotiate rates with MCCs and solicit financial support through the local communities.

9. How much funding will be available for the continuum of crisis services in Shelby County?

General crisis services will continue to be funded as it is currently with mobile capabilities and crisis respite services being paid through contracts with the MCCs. The CSUs establishment and limited operating budgets are one time non-recurring infrastructure funding available through June 30, 2009.

Questions Posed on June 23, 2008

Frontier

Is there a percentage of funding that will be needed to be provided by the community?

No. There is not a set percentage. Community funding will be closely considered when the proposals are reviewed.

Case Management Inc.

Can you repeat what counties are covered in the east and west regions?

West TN

Shelby County will cover Shelby, Fayette, and Tipton.

Jackson will cover Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, and Weakley. (This is revised with Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart removed.)

East TN

Knoxville will cover Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Union, Roane, Sevier, and Scott.

Johnson City will cover Carter, Cocke, Green, Hancock, Hamblen, Hawkins, Johnson, Unicoi, Washington, and Sullivan.

Behavioral Health Initiative

Why are Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart counties being covered by Jackson? They are Middle TN counties.

Houston, Humphreys, and Stewart were added in as an over sight, they will not be included in the contract.

Is there a maximum amount set for this one-time funding?

There is no maximum amount set. The amount is determined by which proposal is chosen.

Mountain States

Is there a reason why Knoxville has capacity of 10 -15 beds, but Johnson City is a firm 15 bed capacity?

The department wants to get as much capacity as possible and would view a 15 bed CSU in Knoxville favorably. TDMHDD recognizes that there are other community diversion resources already established in or near the Knoxville area. Therefore, the Knoxville CSU was not mandated in bed capacity. There are not as many diversion services available in the Johnson City area, so maximum bed capacity is mandated for this CSU location.

Peninsula

How will the department allow for future questions concerning these announcements of funding?

For future questions, email Trish Wilson at Trish.Wilson@state.tn.us. They will be answered in writing and questions and answers will be posted to the department website until the intents to propose are received on July 7, 2008. At that time, the information will be sent to the all of the agencies that submitted an intent to propose.

Are there any provisions for uninsured, indigent individuals for crisis services?

For Shelby County it is the continuum of crisis services which includes general crisis services. General crisis services in the state of Tennessee are still available to everyone regardless of insurance and this will stay the same.

Cary Counseling Center

Is the state mandating MCCs to provide CSU services to just TennCare individuals or to all residents similar to the way mobile crisis is set up?

The MCCs have to provide crisis stabilization capacity in their network. In the first operating year, TDMHDD will provide capacity for the uninsured. The department also expects that there will be some community support as well.

Peninsula

When you talk about community support, are some communities already supporting this?

Currently, communities are not providing financial support. This information is expected to be included in the proposals. The department has heard from many communities wanting these types of services for their area, so TMHDD expects the communities to offer support.

TN Mental Health Consumers Association

In the proposals, should start-up costs be explained and would they be agreed upon before the announcements are made?

All the start-up costs will be subject to approval by the TDMHDD . TDMHDD will verify that the budgets meet the needs listed in the announcements of funding.

NAMI Memphis

Will the same provider for Shelby County be providing mobile crisis services for Tipton and Fayette Counties?

No. They will not be providing general crisis services for Tipton and Fayette. They will stay with their current and existing crisis services provider.

Where will placement of individuals from Tipton and Fayette Counties be if they have a “certificate of need”?

If they have a certificate of need, they will go directly to a psychiatric inpatient facility in their catchment area.

What if they don’t have a certificate of need? Would a sheriff’s department from Tipton or Fayette County take them to a CSU for an evaluation?

Sheriff’s departments are not legally required to transport for a CSU evaluation. That is why CSUs are to have 24/7 transportation availability. Sheriffs are only legally required to transport if there is a first certificate of need signed and then only to the admitting psychiatric inpatient facility.

The CSUs are not operated as a hospital emergency room and will not be operating as such. The CSUs will operate within the TDMHDD licensure standards. The CSUs will not be providing medical /emergency services nor will they be providing medical detoxification. The CSUs are limited to the types of services (voluntary admissions only) described in the announcements of funding and contractual scopes.

Peninsula

Could you clarify how the funds will be handled with regard to the uninsured?

Communities are expected to support these services and we will be looking for that declaration in the proposals. The department will have their own contracts with the CSUs separate from the MCCs for the operations and per diem for the uninsured through June 30, 2009. After the first year, TDMHDD plans to submit a request for improvement funding for FY'10, but that will be decided by the Governor as the budget is finalized.

Lakeshore

Where is the current provider for Knoxville?

We have CSU capacity in Cookeville and Chattanooga along with other services in the Knoxville area.

Helen Ross McNabb

Are you meeting August 15th to make your determination?

No. Proposals must be submitted by August 15th.

What is the department's timeline for making the determination?

The department's goal will be to make a decision within two (2) weeks of August 15th. This is an approximate and subject to change.